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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Control No. 495534
EIC-M-89
16 December 1960

Minutes of Meeting Held in
Room 1113, Temporary M Building
26th Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W.

1000 hours, 16 December 1960

PRESENT:

Dr. Otto E. Guthe, CIA, Chairman
Howard Bliss, Department of the Navy
Dr. Herbert Block, Department of State
John W. Easton, Joint Staff
Lt. Col. Francis W. Guzak, Department of the Air Force
Dr. Norris G. Kenny, Office of the Secretary of Defense
Baxter Wood, Department of the Army
[REDACTED], National Security Agency

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Chairman expressed his sorrow and deep regret at the death of J. Duncan Holmes, alternate representative of the Department of the Army who had long been associated with the EIC. The Chairman stated that he is writing a letter to Mrs. Holmes expressing the EIC's sympathy and noting her husband's long and valuable service to the organization.

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2. Col. Guzak announced a change in the Air Force alternate; Dr. Outten J. Clinard is replacing Kingsley Hamilton, who has been transferred to another office. The Chairman is to write a letter of appreciation to the Air Force in recognition of Mr. Hamilton's long and valuable service to the EIC.

3. The Chairman reported briefly on reports received from the former Vice Chairman of the EIC. [REDACTED]

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. The minutes of the EIC meetings of 3 and 10 August, EIC-M-87 and 88, respectively, were approved as written.

NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

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5. The Chairman nominated [REDACTED] CIA, as the successor to [REDACTED]. This proposal was approved unanimously by the members.

EIC-R-18, "VULNERABILITY OF THE EAST GERMAN ECONOMY TO WESTERN COUNTERMEASURES":

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6. The Chairman briefly reviewed a 25 October letter that the Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, wrote to the Director of Central Intelligence. This contained a proposal for a co-ordinated study on the economic vulnerability of East Germany. An ad hoc working group of the EIC was set up in response to this suggestion.

[REDACTED] ORR, was appointed Chairman and others in the group were from CIA/ORR and the Department of State.

7. Action: The EIC reviewed EIC-R-18 and, after minor revisions were made, approved it. It was agreed that the editors and EIC/S should make whatever further editorial changes were considered necessary. The anticipated distribution date for the report is 30 December.

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The Chairman thanked the members of the working group and the supporting specialists for their effective participation in the project and expressed the EIC's appreciation for a job well done.

[It was subsequently decided that the table containing NOFORN material would be issued as a supplement (EIC-R18-S1) to the report; the supplement will be attached to EIC-R-18 and both will be disseminated to the intelligence community.]

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